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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, HEADQUARTERS, 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION
(LIGHT INFANTRY) AND FORT DRUM, FORT DRUM, NEW YORK 13602-5000

SUBJECT: 2003 Army Heroism Award

1. Please send my congratulations (Encl) to Captains Mitch Blaakman and George Rothfritz, Lieutenant Kip Bachar, and Fire Fighters Scott Warren, Michael Marks, Brian Drappo, Robert Tennies, Karl Tylenda, and John Smith for winning the Army's Heroism Award. This team now becomes the Army's nominee for the DoD Heroism Award awarded at the 8th Annual Department of Defense/International Association of Fire Chiefs Training Conference, 22-28 August 2003, in Dallas, Texas.

2. We will need a short acceptance speech by the team leader and a digital photo of the team to be used at the Army Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, 26 August. Please e-mail these items to Mr. Park by 15 July 2003.

3. My point of contact is Mr. Bruce Park, P.E., Dir/Fire & Emergency Services, DSN 328-6174, (703) 428-6174, Fax Ext 6197, and e-mail: bruce.park@hqda.army.mil.

Encl

LARRY J. LUST
Major General, U.S. Army
Assistant Chief of Staff
for Installation Management

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Dear Messieurs Blaakman, Rothfritz, Bachar, Warren, Marks,
Drappo, Tennies, Tylanda and Smith:

Congratulations on winning Army's 2003 Heroism Award. Your team rescue of a perilously trapped victim in a 300 foot underground cave, adjacent to the Black River, during subzero temperatures was truly heroic. Your team's harrowing twelve-hour ordeal to save the victim, who had given up hope of survival, deserves the highest recognition.

Good luck on your nomination for DoD's 2003 Heroism Award at the DoD Awards Banquet in Dallas, Texas, 27 August 2003.

Sincerely,

Larry J. List
Major General, U.S. Army
Assistant Chief of Staff
for Installation Management

Heroism Award Team Members
Ft. Drum Fire Department
Ft. Drum NY 13602-5097



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John
Dear Mr. Smith:

Congratulations on winning the Army's 2003 Heroism Team Award. Your efforts, along with those of your team, to rescue a trapped victim in a 300 foot underground cave, adjacent to the Black River, during subzero temperatures was truly heroic. Your harrowing twelve-hour ordeal to save the victim, who had given up hope of survival, deserves the highest recognition.

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Major General, U.S. Army
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Mr. John Smith
Ft. Drum Fire Department
Ft. Drum NY 13602-5097



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Karl
Dear Mr. Tylanda:

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Larry J. Rust
Major General, U.S. Army
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Mr. Karl Tylanda
Ft. Drum Fire Department
Ft. Drum NY 13602-5097



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Dear Mr. ^{Robert}Tennies:

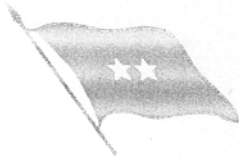
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Mr. Robert Tennies
Ft. Drum Fire Department
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Dear Mr. ~~Drappo~~ ^{BRIAN}:

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Mr. Brian Drappo
Ft. Drum Fire Department
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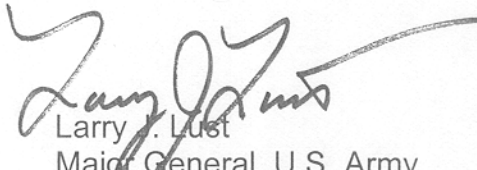
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Dear Mr. Marks:

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Assistant Chief of Staff
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Mr. Michael Marks
Ft. Drum Fire Department
Ft. Drum NY 13602-5097



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Dear Mr. ~~Warren~~ ^{Scott}:

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Major General, U.S. Army
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Mr. Scott Warren
Ft. Drum Fire Department
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Kip
Dear Lieutenant Bachar:

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Lieutenant Kip Bachar
Ft. Drum Fire Department
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George
Dear Captain Rothfritz:

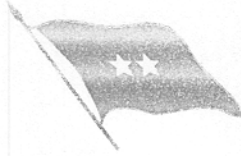
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Captain George Rothfritz
Ft. Drum Fire Department
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Dear Captain ~~Blaakman~~ ^{Mitch}:

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Captain Mitch Blaakman
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